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## NIGHT POLICE USE PISTOLS ON TWO CITIZENS

### JESSE BOYD GETS BULLET IN THIGH WHEN HE FLEES

Boyd and Harve Shepherd in Jail Following Capture in Vicinity of Farmers' Union Store

Jesse Boyd and Harve Shepherd are at present languishing in durance vile as the result of a little activity, this morning, when they were apparently leaving the Farmers' Union store with two tires. Boyd is carrying a bullet in his left thigh. It is not known just when the preliminary hearing will be held.

At a hearing held before County Judge Tash this afternoon, both men pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, and were held for trial in district court, and their bond was set at the amount of \$1,000 each. They have so far been unable to furnish, although it is expected that they may be able to raise the coin to gain their liberty. It is still some time until the next term of district court.

According to the story told by the officers, Special Agent E. S. Martin of the Burlington, and Night Policeman E. L. Stillwell, they were standing at the corner of Cheyenne and Third streets, about 3:30 a. m., when their attention was attracted down the middle of the block between Second and Third. They walked down the block, turning at the corner and retracing their steps. Just before they reached the alley on their return, the two men came running out of the alley, each carrying a tire over his arm. They were ordered to halt, and informed that their pursuers were officers. They thereupon dropped the tires, and according to Special Agent Martin, they went up the alley so fast that the bottoms of their feet showed so often that it looked like they were laying down.

The officers then opened fire, and Shepherd fell, his companion, however, continuing to put all the available space possible between him and the officers. The minions of the law then ran to Shepherd and picked him up. Shepherd stoutly maintained that he had been shot and was unable to walk. He was finally persuaded that he did not in any way resemble a sieve, and he was taken to jail.

The officers then went to the home of Boyd, on West Second, and entering, they discovered their man in bed. He had removed only his coat and shoes and was under the covers with his shirt, pants, vest and moccasins on. He refused to don any more attire and was taken to jail without his coat or shoes. He was then searched and it was found that he had a bullet hole in his left thigh, and coming almost through the leg, and coming to a stop just underneath the skin on the front. The city physician was called but was unable to come. Dr. Sluige was then called, and attended the wounded man, dressing the thigh.

Shepherd is not unknown to the officers, having once before come into prominence, when he was tried on a liquor charge. When arrested by Sheriff Miller he succeeded in breaking the bottle containing the evidence. An bottle with a few drops of hooch in it was found but this evaporated before the trial and the case was dismissed. The officers say that they are also acquainted with Boyd.

Both of the men are railroad employees, Shepherd being employed at the storehouse, Boyd being a rip track worker, but at present laid off.

## Clean-up Week Hits Bad Weather But Is Successful

Cleanup week in Alliance arrived in the midst of rainy weather, which has interfered somewhat with the program for the week. In general, however, the plans have been carried out so far as possible and the results are more or less apparent. School children have been given addresses, the basements of the business district have been inspected and a number of eye-sores and firetraps have been removed or cleaned up.

The school children have taken an especial interest in the week. The seventh and eighth grades of Central school have been competing for prizes offered by the following merchants for the best clean-up week posters:

F. E. Holsten—First prize, \$1; second, and third, 50 cents.

H. F. Thiele—First prize, Eversharp pencil.

Lehr & Hirst—First prize, \$1.50; second prize, \$1.

Newberry Hardware Co.—First prize, \$1; second and third, 50 cents.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably showers west and central portions. Slightly warmer west portion tonight.

## Telephone Rate Hearing Set For Monday, May 22

City Manager Kemmish has received the following communication from John E. Soules, secretary of the state railway commission, relative to the hearing on the proposed rate increase: "With further reference to the application of the Bell Telephone Company for a rate increase, please be advised that the commission has fixed Monday, May 22, at 10 o'clock a. m., at its offices, Lincoln, Nebraska, as the time and place for your hearing in the matter. At that time the company will present such statistical exhibits, data and showings as it may care to offer. Communities or individuals who desire to offer evidence as to local conditions, or otherwise, should be prepared at that time; also if it is your desire to cross-examine with reference to this phase of the case you should be present.

It is thought that the introduction of all testimony, and cross-examination on same, will be finished at this time and the hearing brought to final conclusions. The commission will be pleased to have you give publicity to this hearing and the date for same among such persons in your community as you know to be interested. It will be very pleased to have representatives of the public present and full opportunity will be offered to make such showing as may be desired. I might state that the commission's corps of accounting and engineering experts are busily engaged on this case and will represent those communities which find it impossible to have representatives at the hearing."

The movement to complete the Potash highway is making progress, as shown by the letters recently received by Secretary Lloyd Thomas of the chamber of commerce and also of the Potash highway association. Mr. Thomas, in a letter to State Engineer George Johnson, spoke of the need for finishing this work which is not being lagging. According to this letter, Mr. Gaddis, former engineer for this district, who is now in Lincoln, promised a surveying crew to make a preliminary survey on this road. This promise was made in a telegram from Mr. Gaddis to Mr. Thomas on April 13. Mr. Thomas in his letter called attention to the fact that there is at present a crew doing preliminary work on a road from Hemingford to Alliance, and suggested that this crew might later be used on the "missing link" of the highway, from Lakeside to Ashby. The rest of this road is already in good shape, and the work to finish it would not be prohibitive.

## PROSPECTS FINE FOR COMPLETING POTASH HIGHWAY

## TOWNS ALONG ROUTE SHOW THEIR INTEREST

State Engineer Johnson invited to Attend General Road Meeting Here in May.

Letters have been received from practically all the leading towns on the highway, endorsing the revival of interest, and pledging their heartiest support of any move to further the completion of the highway. These letters have been received from Anselmo, Grand Island, Mullen, Broken Bow and Mason City. A copy of a resolution adopted by the Mason City commercial club was sent to Mr. Thomas in which this organization went on record as favoring the completion of the highway and pledged their support to bring this about. The secretary of the Hot Springs chamber of commerce also maintained that this city was interested in the success of this road as well as the north and south highways which are at present under consideration. From the unanimity of opinion as to the necessity for the highway and the apparent willingness to work together there seems little doubt that something will be done.

Mr. Thomas invited Engineer Johnson to come to Alliance early in May and promised that arrangements for a road meeting of all towns interested would be called, in order that the situation might be discussed in a manner that would be the most satisfactory to all concerned. Should Mr. Johnson accept this invitation there is little doubt that a great deal can be done and some definite action taken.

Silac C. Soules is in the city, disposing of his household effects following the sale of his residence property here to Michael O'Connor, division superintendent on the Western Pacific. Mr. O'Connor purchased the house for his brother, Conductor Frank O'Connor. The Soules family will live in Kingston, Ontario, where Mrs. Soules went some time ago.

## SAD-EYED GIRL HITS TRAIL FOR GREENER FIELDS

### STAR-ED MAID TURNS OUT TO BE "TOUGH BABY"

Eighteen-Year-Old Miss Who Told a Pathetic Yarn and Won Friends Asked to Leave the City

Frances Ferguson, the weeping heroine, who was discovered some two weeks ago in the Burlington station and was befriended by local people, who helped her to find a job and dried her tears, is with us no more. In fact, the tragic truth of the matter is that she—not the starry-eyed, simple little maid that she was supposed—but rather, according to the officers, a "tough baby." The brutal fact is that the eighteen-year-old little maiden was requested to leave the city and seek other fields by Chief Jeffers.

According to the chief, the next time that Frances weeps, it will probably be in the Cheyenne depot, as when last seen she was heading in that direction. Frances, if the truth be known, is not a stranger to the police, as was found by examining the depot dame's record. As a matter of fact, this is not the first place that Frances has left hurriedly, and with the chief of police to bid her good-bye.

Fairy Frances hit town about two weeks ago and was discovered weeping pathetically in the depot. She was then escorted to the local authorities, who were evidently completely taken in by her innocent air. She was found a job and was soon well established in the town. The minions of the law, however, soon became suspicious of Frances, the culmination of which came Thursday morning when she was forced to submit to a physical examination. This destroyed whatever illusions remained and Frances left at once to seek other and greener fields.

Frances informed local people that her father was a drunkard, that her mother was in the South Dakota state hospital for the insane, and that she had a four-year-old sister, that she wished to bring here. She said that her father had taken her wages when she obtained work to buy liquor, and that finally, tiring of her he had given her away.

The really sad part of the whole sorry mess is that if Frances had really been as represented she would have been given a good home by what is apparently a good and respectable family in Sioux Rapids, Ia., where a woman who had two grown boys, but longed for a girl, wrote to C. E. Amos, railroad special agent, whose name was mentioned in the tale as printed by the state papers. This woman promised to give the girl a good home, and gave any business house in her town as a reference. She said that she was forty-two years old, that she and her husband had been born and always lived in their town, and that although they were farmers, they had a car, and "did not stay home all the time." She offered to take both the girl and her four-year-old sister, and she says that she "would love to take both girls, and mother them as my very own." Mr. Amos, of course, would not send a girl of Frances' caliber to them, and has so informed them.

## W. C. T. U. Sponsors Civic Campaign for Law Enforcement

The local W. C. T. U. is sponsoring a campaign in Alliance for law enforcement, in connection with a national movement for the same purpose. Saturday morning there will be distributed to the stores and residences of the city and "service flags," made after the fashion of the red and white flags that were displayed during the war. The flags are of the same size, bearing one white star and the words, "Serve America—Support the Constitution." The campaign in some of the large cities has resulted in dealing quite a blow to the bootleggers and other law violators, and it is expected to have considerable effect locally.

This morning a number of citizens spoke to the students of the various schools on "Obedience to Law." Dr. Minor Morris spoke to the high school; Rev. M. C. Smith, Central school; seventh and eighth grades; fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. S. J. Epler; third and fourth, Mrs. E. C. Barker; first and second, Mrs. Harvey Harker; Emerson school, L. C. Thomas and Mrs. A. F. Lunn; city hall school, Rev. B. J. Minor.

Mrs. Sanders is chairman in charge of the campaign.

The annual Junior-Senior banquet of the Alliance high school will be held this evening at the Methodist church gymnasium. The banquet will be served by the ladies of the Methodist church. The hall will be decorated in lavender and gold, the Senior class colors. After the banquet there will be the usual toasts, with Miss Josephine Wilson, junior class president, presiding as toastmistress. The Seniors are on this occasion, the guests of the Juniors. Covers will be laid for about ninety-five, including the Junior and Senior classes, and the members of the faculty.

## PHONE COMPANY GIVES SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS

### ALLIANCE EMPLOYEES PRESENT INTERESTING PROGRAM

Woman's Club, Rotarians, Lions, High School and Public Privileged Audiences.

Employees of the Alliance exchange of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company are this week putting on a series of demonstrations of telephone facts, each performance taking from an hour and a half to two hours. T. E. Carney, local commercial manager, is assisted by Former Manager Gleason, now of Grand Island, as well as several other employees of the local exchange. The program, which is exceedingly interesting, includes moving pictures, demonstrations and talks.

The first program was given for the Alliance women's club at the armory Tuesday evening, the public being invited. Nearly two hundred Alliance citizens took advantage of the opportunity. The same program was put on at the Wednesday dinner of the Rotary club, and Thursday the Lions club members and their ladies were privileged to witness it. The closing demonstration will take place at the high school tonight. The public has been invited to be present, and the students are especially urged to be present.

The program includes several reels of films. There are three reels of "The Story of the Telephone," and a Pathe Weekly and Harold Lloyd comedy. The story of the telephone shows the great amount of machinery, factories and plant equipment that are necessary for the present-day telephone exchange, as contrasted with the first instruments and plants. Especial attention is paid to the manufacture of machinery and cable lines, with views from a number of factories, as well as the Omaha headquarters of the Northwestern Bell company.

The demonstration is given on a miniature telephone plant, containing a small switchboard and three telephone. Miss Bonnie Brown, local operator, explained the workings of the system and the work of "central" when calls are made. She also explained the reason for certain mistakes, and the manner in which patrons helped to make the lot of the central girls a most unhappy one in several ways. Thus, it was explained that the subscribers themselves are responsible for a good many errors that occur, and it was brought out that the almost universal tendency on the part of users of the telephone is to lay the responsibility for their errors upon central, whose instructions are not to deny the responsibility, but keep smiling all the time.

Cashier C. M. Wright, in a short talk, said the object of the demonstrations was to inform the public and to assist in improving the service. The company had three main objects, he said, one being to give the best service to its patrons; a second was to pay a fair wage to its employees, and last, to secure a reasonable return upon the investment for its stockholders.

Following the explanation, Miss Brown acted as central for the small plant, and with the assistance of Manager T. E. Carney, Cashier C. M. Wright and Miss Isabella Fleming, local operator, gave an actual demonstration of call and common errors, in one sketch, the subscriber trusted to memory for a number, which turned out to be wrong; in another, the subscriber was slow in answering the telephone and blamed central for not ringing, and in the third a man who had promised to call his wife neglected to do it, and declared that he had called every half hour all afternoon, without success. Other common errors of the subscriber, as well as some of his white telephone lies, were exposed ruthlessly, but with extreme good nature.

Miss Della Nelson, local operator, presided at the piano during the evening. D. L. Comstock had charge of the motion picture machine and Frank Atwood, electrician, assisted.

## Cal Cox Files as a Democratic Candidate for County Sheriff

Cal Cox Tuesday filed as a candidate for sheriff of Box Butte county, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the July primaries. Mr. Cox is regarded as the strongest candidate that has yet filed for the place. He was the incumbent before Sheriff Miller took over the reins, following President Wilson's great mistake in making all voters to elect none but democrats to office, and he failed of re-election by a very small margin. Mr. Cox has held the office of sheriff some six years, and is conceded to have a wider acquaintance and a larger list of supporters than any man who ever held the office.

Mr. Cox has been in Casper, Wyo., the past two years, where he was employed as head of a gang of watchmen protecting an oil refinery. Here he had opportunity to get acquainted with the methods of I. W. W.'s and other citizens inclined to do damage.

## Public Has the Wrong Dope on Tom Gray's Job

According to Sheriff Miller, there has been some talk that Tom Gray has been treated too lightly by being allowed to work on the county roads, some even having the mistaken idea that Tom was pardoned absolutely. That the dope is all wrong was clearly shown by the sheriff, who said that so far as he was concerned he would just as soon or in fact a little sooner have Tom in jail, as it brought good hard simoleons into his own pocket.

Sheriff Miller, in discussing this talk, said, "Just why people should object to Gray's being released is hard to understand. If Gray were here I would get \$1.50 a day as jailer's fees, and it would cost the county an additional \$1.20 a day to board him. Tom is not getting a thing by working on the roads, except his own satisfaction in being out of jail. He is an expert tractor man, having had fourteen years' experience, and knowing Tom as I do I am absolutely sure that he will make no attempt to escape. We believe that the taxpayers of this county are paying enough without having the extra expense of keeping Gray when he is willing to work on the roads. Gray gets \$3 a day off of his \$1,000 fine, but he would get this the same if he were lying in jail.

"When the year's work is done on the roads, Tom will be again put in jail, and all the time he is in the road camp he is just as much in the sheriff's custody as if he were in the county jail."

Just why these parties should have become so excited about Gray is not known unless they believed that he was being released. This, according to County Attorney Lee Basye, can be done only by the state board of pardons at Lincoln. Gray asked to be allowed to work on the county roads, and the commissioners arranged things so that he could. This was done with the consent of the sheriff, who did not have to permit his prisoner doing this unless he so desired.

## RIALTO THEATER WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS MAY 1

### HAPPY FOUR TO FURNISH MUSIC DURING PHOTOPLAYS

Manager J. E. Hughes Announces Some of the Plans for the New Theatre

The Rialto, J. M. Hughes' new picture show, according to present plans, will open its doors to the public on Monday, May 1. This show will be among the best in western Nebraska, although not large. The installation of the seats has begun and these are now practically all in. The building, which was formerly occupied by Darling's furniture store, has been completely remodeled, and its general arrangement is very good.

The floor at the back of the building has been dropped eight feet, this affording every person in the show an excellent view of the screen. The projection room has been built according to the latest ideas with regard to making it absolutely fireproof. Two new Powers EB machines have been installed, these being the very latest in this line and assuring perfect projection. Mr. Hughes has also put in a large motor generator which aids greatly in making clear pictures and eliminating noise.

The Happy Four, a well known local orchestra, will play, Mr. Hughes believing that an orchestra will suit theatre goers better than any other arrangement. There is some plan of converting a part of the west part of the show, which is at present used as a rest room into a small dancing room, the music being furnished by the Happy Four. This would undoubtedly be a popular arrangement.

The admission to the show will be 10c for children and 25c for adults with an increase for special features. "We will increase prices only on genuine features," said Mr. Hughes, "not simply when we think we can."

Mr. Hughes wishes the public to know that the Rialto is not connected with any other theatrical interests or film exchanges. A number of reports to this effect have been current, and Mr. Hughes says there is no foundation for any of them.

The show will seat about 450 people, some of whom will sit in the balcony which runs along the west side. The balcony will give a very good view of the screen and there is little doubt that it will be one of the popular features of the new show.

Eugene Ford of Chicago, son of C. E. Ford of the First National of that city, was an Alliance visitor Monday. Mr. Ford was at one time on the staff of the First National of this city and has a number of friends here.

Harry Tiller returned the first of the week from his homestead in Wyoming. He will work in Alliance for a few months.

Mrs. Lee Basye will leave Sunday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kates, at Lincoln.

## COUNCIL OPENS FIRE ON ALL THE CITY POOL HALLS

### HOLDS UP LICENSES PENDING FULL INVESTIGATION

All Such Concerns to Receive a Ten-Day Vacation and Then Show Their Records

The Alliance city council, at its meeting last night, proceeded to throw a good healthy scare into the owners of the city's pool halls. Six applications for licenses were considered, the council finally deciding not to grant any of them until May 11, with the prospect that several applicants will be refused then. The fiscal year ends April 30, and the pool halls will be given a ten-day vacation, during which the owners will get ready to plead their cases.

City Manager Kemmish has the following to say concerning last night's council session:

"The city council last night let it be known that no pool hall having a questionable record will be given a license for the ensuing year. Notwithstanding all the propaganda going around, the city council is determined to break up the organized gang of gamblers and bootleggers and any pool room operators who have violated the law or who have been harboring members of this gang have slight chances of receiving licenses."

"There were six applications for pool room licenses. The application of George C. Lookis for operating the Alliance Pool Hall was denied. The application of George Rayle was next discussed, but no action was taken. The application of Joe Smith was then considered and after an hour of discussion the remaining pool room applications were laid over until May 11, at which time it will be up to the operators to show a clean record and reasons why they are entitled to receive a license."

"The old pool room licenses expire at midnight April 30. This means that all pool rooms in Alliance must discontinue using their pool tables May 1 and thereafter until such time that the city council deems it proper to give them a license. Every citizen who believes in clean government should support the council in this matter."

"A permit was given Harry DuBuque to operate a picture show at the Imperial theater. Also a permit to J. E. Hughes to operate a picture show at the new Rialto theater."

J. E. Henneberry was given a plumber's license and was the only plumber's license concern making application. The Quick Service was given a license to do electrical wiring.

Matters pertaining to the care of the cemetery were discussed with the idea of working out some permanent plan for perpetual care on the lots for those who desire to have perpetual care. The matter was deferred for future action.

## Alliance to Ask for Next T. P. A. State Convention

Post M. T. P. A., of Alliance, will have three delegates at the state convention of the traveling men's organization, which will be held at Columbus on Friday and Saturday of this week. The delegation from Alliance includes Rev. Stephen J. Epler, post chaplain; Roy C. Strong, post secretary, and G. J. Appleberg of Scottsbluff, who is also a member of the local post.

The Alliance delegation will extend the invitation from the chamber of commerce of this city to hold the 1923 state meeting here.

The Columbus Telegram reports that extensive preparations are being made to entertain the visitors. Advance reports from the thirteen posts in the state indicate that about 275 delegates will be in attendance and that at least 125 of their wives and daughters will accompany them. Nearly 100 members of the order are also expected to come in unofficial capacity. The convention has attracted the attention of the national officers of the T. P. A. to unusual degree because it is the first time in the history of the association that a convention city has been chosen in which there is no regularly organized post.

The state membership of the T. P. A. on April 1 was 4,562, representing not only the actual knights of the grip, but also varied lines of business. Members of the Columbus band will be out in their brand new white uniforms to give the concert in Frankfort square that will mark the opening of the day's program Friday noon. At 1:30 the band and visitors will parade to Orpheus hall where the opening session will be held.

Special entertainment for the ladies will include a card party in Maennerchor hall during the afternoon, and a supper in the Federated church basement at 6 p. m., with possibly an auto ride about the city the following morning.

The Elks' minstrel show, to be followed by a carnival ball for the T. P. A. members and their ladies, will be held in Maennerchor hall Friday evening.